

**Autumn Term Edition**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

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## **Message from the Head**

We have passed the half-way mark in this term already! The children have impressed their teachers with a determined attitude to learning and we are looking forward to sharing their achievements with you at parents evenings.

This year, we have rejoined the Gloucester School Sports Network. This will give children across the school opportunities to take part in new and different sports, in festivals with other schools, as well as compete for their school in sporting events throughout the year. The range is excellent and will allow lots of our children to represent Meadowside and really shine.

## **Meadowside Class News**

### **Reception-**

Elm class are now in school full time. They have been enjoying all the different lessons and having playtimes and lunch with the rest of the school family. We have also made a great start on our phonics , Inky mouse has been learning with us. On Thursday our sound was i and it was Inky mouse day, we made invitations and cards and had a party. We have also met Dotty dragon, if you child is in Reception ask them about her and how we help her with her learning.

### **Year 1-**

Year 1 are really excited to get stuck into our new topic Shiver Me Timbers! We worked with Year 2 to solve some riddles set to us by a real pirate! He has challenged us to become powerful pirates so that we can survive on a desert island. We are hoping if we work really hard at this that we might be rewarded with treasure! This week we have focused on some artwork and have been turning self-portraits into piratical images! We are really quite a scary bunch of pirates! In maths, we have been working on creating teen numbers in lots of different ways, building them, counting them out, using tens frames and even matching numerals and words! We have also looked at finding one more and one less!

## **Class News Continued**

### **Year 2-**

Well done to our Cross Country runners this week. You will find out shortly if you have been successful and are required for the competition.

This week in class, we have been busy finding out more about pirates' appearance. We used a film to find out how the actors make themselves look like dirty, mean pirates and got to try this out on ourselves by drawing a piratical portrait this week! We are sure to be the meanest looking crew 'pon the seven seas! We have been thinking about describing pirates in English as well this week, learning more about adjectives and how they can be either positive or negative words used to describe different characters.

Next week, we will be finding out more about pirates' lifestyle and life aboard a ship and we will even get to have a taste of the rigours of piratical exercise!!!!

### **Year 3-**

Year 3 are really enjoying the new topic of 'Really Revolting'. In English we have been researching the life of Roald Dahl and we have started to write his biography. Why not ask your child for their favourite fact about his life? We have also been enjoying time in Forest School making mud pies and experimenting with shape and consistency...revolting, but fun! This week we have started to think about teeth and their different functions. Next week we will be thinking about how to look after our own teeth (we don't want our teeth to decay and become 'Really Revolting'). Please remember to return the form that has been sent via ParentPay and send your child's toothbrush and toothpaste into school next Thursday.

### **Year 4-**

The children have enjoyed ranking 10 disgusting things we will be investigating in our new topic over the coming months! This week, we have been learning about tooth decay, how our teeth function and how best to protect them. In mathematics, we are continuing to develop our recall of multiplication and division facts using Speedy Tables, 99 Club and TTR; we always celebrated coins earned over the last 7 days on a Monday. Our work on place value will continue until half term.

In English, we have completed work on Revolting Rhymes by Roald Dahl and are concluding a biography. Apple Class are enjoying 'The Twits' and we will be basing some of our writing on this enjoyable novel. I was so proud of the children with their determination and resolve during our Cross Country trials this week!

## Year 5-

We have had a great couple of weeks in Year 5 and are really enjoying our topic work in *Watch This Space*. We were amazed by the scale of our solar system and the relative sizes of the Earth, Sun and Moon and enjoyed finding out about how day and night occur. In English, we have been reading the amazing picture book 'Hidden Figures' which tells the true story of four African American women who worked at NASA to help launch people into space against the backdrop of racial tension. It has made us think about prejudice, equality and human rights then and now.

In Forest School, we used the sycamore seed as a guide for creating our own paper helicopters. We loved watching them twirl to the ground and racing them against the natural version. In PSHCE we have been thinking about working as a team and had fun creating newspaper towers to test our cooperation skills. In maths, we are continuing our place value journey, looking at 6 digit numbers. We will be moving onto negative numbers and rounding next.

We are looking forward to our trip to the National Space Centre on Monday. It will be an early start, but well worth it.

## Year 6-

We continue to navigate our way through the solar system and have been finding practical ways to help us remember the order of the planets from the sun and the distance between them. Our planet art work is adorning the KS2 corridor much to the admiration of passers by.

In English we are using the book 'Hidden Figures' which tells of the true story of the brains behind the NASA quest. It has helped us write some fascinating text types revealing a fight for gender and race equality. Some powerful and wonderful work has been demonstrated. We have a kind and passionate class which reassures us our young Meadowsider's will be a success in the future.

In Maths we have just completed our Place Value unit and have been focusing on more investigative tasks at the latter part of the week. Reasoning skills and problem solving see CSI back in operation.

As I write this we have just had our netball festival based at Severn Vale postponed due to unforeseen circumstances as well as a weather issue and no available inside area to use -as well as three other schools cancel-, BUT 'watch this space' (get it?) as a new date will be coming our way soon.

In Beech class we say YES to any opportunity that comes our way. One of our core values here at Meadowside.

**\*DO NOT FORGET OUR SCHOOL TRIP ON MONDAY-7:50am-5:30pm\* See you there!**

## Friends of Meadowside

This week we held our AGM and our first face-to-face meeting in 18 months. The elected committee members for the upcoming year are Chair - Ali Fletcher, Secretary - Rosy Francis, Treasurer - Claire Tyson, as well as 8 general trustees. An enormous thanks to all those trustees and volunteers who dedicate their time to raising funds, and in 2020/21 raised a total of £2,368, all of which goes towards supporting Meadowside.

We discussed what the funds the school need support with this year and will announce our Fundraising Focus at our Welcome event on **Fri 8th October**. Please come and join us in the Hall from 2.30pm - collect your Krispy Kremes, browse our nearly new uniform, and enjoy a tea/coffee before the school pick-up. We are short on volunteers for this event, so if you can spare some time to help from 2pm, please email [friends@meadowsideprimary.co.uk](mailto:friends@meadowsideprimary.co.uk)

We also discussed how to raise some of the vital funds, and have some exciting fundraisers lined up. Firstly, we are organising a Sponsored Walk, on **Friday 15th October**. Details and sponsorship forms will have been sent via ParentPay so please look out in your emails for details.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 21st October at 7.30pm, please come and join us in the Hall.

### **INSET dates 21/22 (School shut for pupils)**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022**  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022**  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

### **Dates for your diary**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Yr 5/6 Space centre trip**  
**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October – Welcome back FOM**  
**2.30pm in the hall**  
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wed 13<sup>th</sup> October – Parents**  
**Evenings (these will be virtual).**  
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October- Harvest assembly,**  
**donations for Gloucester food bank welcome.**  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October – FOM Sponsored Walk**  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October – FOM meeting – 7pm**

**Don't forget to check the website**  
**[www.meadowsideschool.co.uk/calendar](http://www.meadowsideschool.co.uk/calendar) for all**  
**key dates.**

**Date of next newsletter: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October**



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